'Shanti Bonus' for North-Eastern States

†5546. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme named "Shanti Bonus" for the North Eastern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the States which have been given "Shanti Bonus" so far under the said scheme together with the amount of "Shanti Bonus' given to each State; and

(d) the criteria for allocating "Shanti Bonus"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) The Government has not formulated any Peace Bonus Scheme for the North Eastern States. However, at the meeting of Chief Ministers and Governors of North Eastern States held at Shillong on 21-22nd January, 2000 the Prime Minister made the following announcement: "Mizoram is the most peaceful State in the North East today. With a view to encourage the people of Mizoram who have opted for peaceful economic development, Government has accepted the recommendation of the Committee set up by the Finance Ministry and allotted Rs. 180 crores to Mizoram to tide over its financial problems. The Government will also release Rs. 50 crores every year from the Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources for five years for specific infrastructure development projects in Mizoram". As against Rs. 50 crores from Non-Lapsable Central Pool of Resources, Rs. 62.15 crores have been released during 1999-2000.

Tapping of MP's telephones

†5547. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any information regarding the tapping of telephones of the Members of Parliament; and

(b) if so, the number and names of the Members of the Parliament whose telephones have been tapped during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.